(c) the steps his Ministry is planning to take to effectively harness the conventional mineral resources in the absence of a proper policy for exploration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a)The Ministry of Mines has enunciated National Mineral Policy in 1993 for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals and it is still in operation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply for (a) above.

Reservation for women in Parliament

1245. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a women delegation met the Chairperson of UPA demanding 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are not serious for 33 per cent reservation for women;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are facing any opposition from any quarter on this issue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Government does not have any information regarding the meeting of a women delegation with the Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA).

(b) to (e) The Government proposes to introduce a Bill in Parliament providing for reservation of seats for women in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies after a consensus is arrived at amongst the political parties on the provisions of the proposed Bill.